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The following reports were ordered to be printed:

REPORT OF THE RECORDING SECRETARY.

Since the last report of the Recording Secretary the meetings of the Academy have been held, as provided by the By-Laws, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month from December 3, 1907, to May 19, 1908, and from October 6 to November 17, 1908, with an average attendance of forty-eight. Verbal communications, most of them illustrated with lantern views, were made at these meetings by the late William S. Vaux, Jr., George Vaux, Jr., Stewardson Brown, Casey A. Wood, Witmer Stone, John W. Harshberger, Philip P. Calvert, Henry Skinner, Edwin G. Conklin, Henry W. Cattell, Harold Sellers Coulton, Spencer Trotter, Miss Walter, Charles S. Boyer, Thomas S. Stewart, Frank J. Keeley and Henry A. Pilsbry.

Thirty-one papers have been presented for publication by the following authors: Henry A. Fowler, 4; Henry A. Pilsbry, 3; Henry A. Pilsbry and Y. Hirase, 2; Witmer Stone, 2; Ralph V. Chamberlin, 2; Harold Sellers Coulton, 2; E. P. Van Duzee, 1; Frank M. Surface, 1; William S. Vaux, Jr., 1; Frederick W. True, 1; Chiyomatsu Ishikawas, 1; Arthur Erwin Brown, 1; Clarence B. Moore, 1; John Otterbein Snyder, 1; J. Percy Moore, 1; James A. G. Rehn and Morgan Hebard, 1; Robert T. Young, 1; John W. Harshberger, 1; Philip P. Calvert, 1; Thomas H. Montgomery, 1; F. Creighton Wellman and Walther Horn, 1; James A. G. Rehn, 1. Of these twenty-eight have been accepted for publication in the PROCEEDINGS and are now mostly in type; one was withdrawn by the author; one remains to be acted on, and one, by Clarence B. Moore, forms the fourth and concluding number of the thirteenth volume of the JOURNAL. It is illustrated with fine text figures and eight plates beautifully printed in colors. As usual we are indebted to the author for the entire cost of publication.

The issues of the various publications of the Academy during the year have amounted to 1939 pages and 133 plates, as follows: PROCEEDINGS for 1907, 159 pages and 9 plates; for 1908, 444 pages and 25 plates; JOURNAL, Vol. XIII, Pl. 4, 132 pages and 8 plates; ENTOMOLOGICAL NEWS, 500 pages and 25 plates; TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN ENTOMOLOGICAL SOCIETY (Entomological Section of the Academy), 375 pages and 25 plates; THE MANUAL OF CONCHOLOGY

329 pages and 41 plates. This is 217 pages and 29 plates more than the issue of the preceding year. The statistics of distribution remain the same as for the last two or three years.

Four members have been elected, the deaths of eleven members and six correspondents have been announced, and Caroline A. Burgin, Hannah Streeter and Morris Earle have resigned their memberships.

The Hayden Medal for 1905 was presented to Dr. Walcott at the meeting held January 7, advantage being taken of the occasion to invite the members of the Academy and their friends to meet the distinguished recipient of the award. The address of presentation was made by Dr. Persifor Frazer and responded to by Dr. Walcott. The delay in presentation was due to the preparation of a new and greatly improved design for the medal. Under the terms of the amended deed of trust providing for the making of the awards once in three years, the Hayden Memorial Committee unanimously recommended the grant for 1908 be made to Prof. John Mason Clarke, in recognition of the value of his brilliant work as State Geologist of New York.

The Council has authorized the Publication Committee to prepare an index to the entire series of the publications of the Academy, to include the issues to the end of 1910, and to be published in connection with the celebration of the centenary of the Academy in 1912. Such an index has been long desired by students of natural history, who have felt the need of a key to the wealth of the contributions to knowledge, many of them of the first importance, issued under the auspices of the Academy by many of the leading naturalists of America. Of the 83 volumes which will have been published by the Academy at the close of 1910, the manuscript index to the first eight volumes of the octavo JOURNAL and the first 19 volumes of the PROCEEDINGS has been completed. It is divided into two sections: Authors and subject, and genera and species.

Dr. Henry Skinner was appointed a delegate to the International Congress on Tuberculosis, held at Washington last September.

Resolutions were adopted and duly forwarded endorsing the action of the President of the United States in calling a conference to consider plans for the conservation of the forestry, agricultural, mineral and other natural resources of the United States, and in support of bills for the purchase and preservation of the forest areas of the Southern Appalachians and of the White Mountains as National Forest Reservations.

EDWARD J. NOLAN,
Recording Secretary.